(b) Investment approval for tho installation of 120 MW Diesel Power Plant at Yelahanka, Bangalore, has been accorded by the Planning Commission on 29-12-1988.

Commissioning of Dankuni Coal Complex

2416. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the commissioning of Dankuni Coal Complex has been further delayed ;

(b) whether the failure on i he part of management in removing the bottlenecks has caused severe escalation in the cost of the project ;

(c) whether Government have appointed a Committee to go into the various causes leading to tho delay in commissioning of (he project ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF)': (a) and (b) The CIL is not expecting any further delay in commissioning of the 'Dankuni Coal Complex. Phase I of the project has already been commissioned in June, 1989. Phase II is being readied for commission. As per Letter of Intent, the scheduled date for commission of tho project was March, 1985. Tho commissioning of the project has been delayed due to various reasons such as, difficulties in land filling at site, selection of technology, delay in procurement of equipment and construction materials and shortage of manpower.

The original cost estimate of the project was 49-27 crores. The revised cost of the project, assessed upto June, 1986, is Rs. 118 crores.

(c) and (d) Yes. Sir. A Committee was set up by the Govenment to look into the reasons for delay in the commissioning of the project. The report of the committee is under consideration.

Violation of Government's Directives by State Electricity Boards

2417. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTAOHARJEE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre's directive to State Electricity Boards in regard to improved service conditions for the technicians have often been violated and . as a result thereof power generation has been adversely affected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the U.P. State Electricity Board has been withholding the promotion of technicians to rho posts of Junior Engineer since 1977 despite repeated directives from the Central Government ;

(c) whether the Central Government are incurring losses on their investment in the Board duo to continued agitation by the power workers, including technicians ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof : and

(e) what steps are being taken to ensure that State Electricity Boards take immediate steps to implement Central Government's directives ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The Central Government has been emphasising to the State Governments that they \ should have adequately trained technical manpower in the State Electricity Boards for meeting their needs and should provide them

with the requisite incentives to motivate them towards higher efficiency in power production and supply. It has, however, not issued any directive to the State Electricity Boards in regard to the impoved service conditions for the technicians.,

'(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.'

Prices of drugs needed for national Health programme

2418, SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will ine Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that non-inclusion of medicines needed for National Health Programme under Price Control has resulted- in hike in the prices of these medicines by . 50 per cent ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that wholesale price index shows an increase in prices of medicines by over 70 per cent ; and

(c) whether his Ministry has taken any steps on the recommendations of the expert committee appointed to review the list of drugs for price control under Category-I?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE INTHE DEPARTMENT OF OHEMIOALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) The prices of non-scheduled drugs are determined by the manufacturers themselves. This is as per the provisions of DPGO, 1987.

(b) These details are not readily available.

(c) No such committee has been constituted by this Ministry.

, Permits for Oil Tanker services

2419. SHRl ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of permits, given during the last six months for operating oil tanker services in the Southern region;

(b) what is the number of such permits given to the unemployed graduates; and

(c) what is the number of such tanVer owners who have actually made use of these permits and what checks are being devised by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMDUTT): (a) to (c) Permits to tanker operators are issued and controlled by the Regional Transport Authorities of the State Governments and not by the Oil Companies. The Oil Companies award contracts for transportation of petroleum products on the basis of public tender and there is no reservation for any - category includi ng unemployed graduates. During the last six months the Oil Companies have awarded 348 contracts for transportation of petroleum products in the Southern region.

Over-Invoicing in Dexamethasone

2420. SHRI CHITTA BASU :Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 90 and 151 given in Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the names of the small scale units producing Dexona which are not covered under price control;

(b) whether it is a fact that these companies have not taken price app-